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CURRENT NOTES

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It is now four years since the Punjab Branch of the British Medical Association was resuscitated. During most of this period I have had the privilege of serving as the honorary secretary of the Branch, and have seen it develop from a small beginning to its present dimensions with feelings of pride. Since its inception I have had but one wish—to make the Punjab Branch a real factor in the advancement of the medical profession in this Province. My dream has been a united profession, and it seems to me that this union can be achieved only by such a society as ours, which enables us to meet as members of an honourable profession, animated by a sincere desire to help one another along the road of progress. Our interests may vary, our outlook on life may differ in many respects, but by meeting together in friendly intercourse we can get to know one another better, get to understand each other's point of view, and thus break down barriers which have been detrimental to our happiness and to our mutual welfare. This is the main object of the British Medical Association—to advance the interests and welfare of the medical profession.

The title of my address is taken from the ritual of the Masonic Fraternity, of which I am a member, and it seems an appropriate one for an address to the members of our profession.

"The twenty-four-inch gauge represents the twenty-four hours of the day; part to be spent in prayer to Almighty God, part in labour and refreshment, and part in serving a friend or brother in time of need."

Could anything express in clearer terms the idealistic life of a doctor—part of his day to be spent in prayer, part in labour and refreshment, and part in serving a friend or brother? The high ethics which this inculcates is in keeping with the traditional, and real, aspirations of our well-named noble profession. Willy-nilly, our life is made up of a daily round of prayer, labour and refreshment, and service to friend and brother.

PRAYER

With the first of these I do not intend to deal; it is a purely private concern of our own which no one would intrude upon, but the efficacy of which has been so admirably expressed by Tennyson—"More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

LABOUR

As professional men we are all acquainted with those constant calls which entail labour of body and constant anxiety of mind, draining our vitality and often reducing us to a condition of mental and physical exhaustion. There is no profession in the world whose work is so exacting. We have no fixed hours for work; at any time of the day or night we may be summoned to succour someone in the hour of his affliction. It is to the credit of our professional brethren that they are ever ready to answer a call. Moreover, our work is of such a nature that we cannot measure it in terms of hours. In each individual case we have to exercise patience in carrying out our investigations, and then bring to bear on each case such knowledge as we possess to determine the nature of the complaint and the best method of dealing with it. Hippocrates, the father of scientific medicine, recognized this: "Art is long, life is short, and judgement is difficult." This aphorism is as true to-day as it was in the time of Hippocrates, possibly truer. Our art has expanded beyond all measure; in spite of accessory aids to diagnosis, time is precious and judgement remains difficult. It is the combination of all these factors which makes our work so exacting, absorbing

* Presidential Address (abridged) to the Punjab Branch of the British Medical Association, March 8th, 1931.

our every moment and leaving little time for refreshment. And yet refreshment is essential for mind and body. It is not only a good but a necessary thing to tear ourselves away from the labour of ministering to others for a time, otherwise we are bound to weary of well-doing, we get stale, our interest in our work flags, we become mentally and physically unbalanced.

REFRESHMENT

Time for refreshment, or leisure time, might alone have provided sufficient material for this address. The busy practitioner often has little time left for leisure, but the man who is such a slave to his profession that he neglects to provide for hours of recreation and refreshment will develop a cramped mind. His intellect will be dwarfed, his interest narrowed, and his general well-being will suffer. According to the Salernian faculty the three best physicians for ailing people were Doctor Quiet, Doctor Diet, and Doctor Merryman—rest, good food, and good cheer. We doctors require the attention of these physicians as much as the ailing public we have to attend. Every one of us should set apart a portion of the day for quiet, when we should put aside our work and devote our attention to the reading of some other subject than our own—general literature, art, poetry, history, biography. The change acts upon us in two ways to our immense benefit: it distracts our attention from our work, and it fosters that culture which should be the hall-mark of every member of our profession.

"It is only by absorbing the wisdom of others that we ourselves can become wise, and as we take care to clothe our bodies, we ought to be equally careful to clothe our minds."

It has been said that you may judge a man by the company he keeps, and the same is true of a man's intellect; you can judge his intellectual capacity by the books which he makes his companions.

Again, part of our leisure time should be devoted to active recreation. A daily walk, if nothing else, in the open country, a round of golf, a game of tennis, or some other form of active exercise should be ensured. Social benefits are obtained from association with our fellow practitioners. We should all endeavour to meet as often as possible, so as to promote understanding of one another. Thus, our social life will be made pleasanter, for we will enlarge our circle of friends and develop, at the same time, feelings of trust and good will. There is a tendency for rival practitioners to regard each other with suspicion, and in some cases with animosity. To overcome these tendencies frequent meetings, where we can meet as man to man, should be encouraged. It was my earnest hope that the British Medical Association would make such meetings possible, and to some extent it has. But we need still further to develop the social side of our Association. At home the British Medical Association meetings are not only devoted to professional discussions; they partake of a social function as well, and I have spent very pleasant hours, after a meeting, exchanging views on varied topics, interspersed with quip and jest, all making for friendship and happiness.

SERVING FRIEND OR BROTHER

Service to friend or brother practitioner should be part and parcel of our daily life. The extent of such service has been stressed by Hippocrates in the famous physician's oath with which we are all expected to conform, and which was at one time demanded from graduates at the time of graduation.

There is nothing to be added to this obligation; we are enjoined to hold our teachers as equal to our parents, to consider his family as our brothers, to assist pupils who have taken the physician's oath, to help the sick according to our ability, to lead a pure and holy life, to abstain from wrong-doing, to respect chastity, to maintain secrecy. The observation of these precepts completes the round of our daily obligations—"part to be spent in serving friend or brother." Too often, I fear, this obligation is more honoured in the breach than in the observance. If we could but fulfil the complete circle of our daily round—spend part in prayer, part in labour and refreshment, and part in serving friend or brother—we would soon "gain reputation among men," a reputation which would ensure that we would ever after be remembered not alone for professional skill, but also on account of those "little nameless unremembered acts of kindness and of love."

CONCLUSION

Finally, I would like to express the wish that the Punjab Branch of the British Medical Association will disseminate throughout this Province of ours a spirit of trust and confidence; that through it we may gain knowledge, contract life-long friendships, and raise our profession to such esteem that it will, through us, gain the respect of all men. I shall work to this end, and when the time comes for me to leave, I wish for nothing better than to be remembered as one who endeavoured to achieve this high ideal.

Association Notices

NOTICES OF MOTION BY DIVISIONS FOR THE ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING, EASTBOURNE, 1931

"FOREIGN CORRESPONDING MEMBERS" OF ASSOCIATION

By LIVERPOOL: That (with reference to the recommendation contained in para. 35 of the Annual Report of Council) proposed new By-law 9 (2) should be amended by insertion of "Mandated areas" after "Dependencies."

REPORT ON THE PROBLEM OF THE OUT-PATIENT

By DUNDEE: That (with reference to the recommendation in para. 98 of the Annual Report of Council) the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Report of Council on the Problem of the Out-Patient be generally approved, subject to the following rider: That under the present conditions of medical organization there is a considerable class, especially wives and children of insured persons, who are unable to secure adequate medical attention from their own resources, and for whom the only service obtainable is that of the infirmary, unless they are to be constrained to apply to the Public Assistance Services, which the Representative Body considers inadvisable.

DISTRIBUTION OF SUPPLEMENT TO "BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL"

By SUNDERLAND: That the *Supplement* to the *British Medical Journal* should be distributed only to the members of the British Medical Association.

PUBLICATION OF MATTERS AFFECTING POLICY

By SUNDERLAND: That matters affecting the policy of the British Medical Association should not be published until they have been considered by Divisions and Branches and by the Annual Representative Meeting.

RETIREMENT OF MEDICAL SECRETARY

By BRIGHTON, LEWISHAM, WATFORD, and WILLESDEN: That this Representative Body, being informed that it is proposed to offer to the British Medical Association an oil painting of the Medical Secretary on his retirement in 1932, gratefully accepts the offer, and requests the Council to give, by means of free accommodation, free use of the *Journal*, a suitable position in the Centenary programme of the presentation, and otherwise, every facility to the general committee conducting the proposal.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ENGLISH DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the English Division will be held in the Globe Hotel, Cockermouth, on Friday, June 5th, at 3.30 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers; Annual Report of Council (*Supplement*, April 25th), with special reference to the report

on the Problem of the Out-patient (*Supplement*, February 21st); proposal to adopt a resolution regarding salaries of whole-time public health medical officers; report from Dr. Morison on the Cumberland scheme of maternity and child welfare. The Executive Committee will meet at 2.45 p.m.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: BARNET DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Barnet Division will be held at the Cottage Hospital, Barnet, on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 4 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers; installation of chairman-elect; annual report of Executive Committee. Tea provided.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: EAST HERTFORDSHIRE DIVISION.—A meeting of the East Hertfordshire Division will be held at the County Hospital, Hertford, on Thursday, June 4th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. A. P. Ford will give an address on pulmonary tuberculosis, modern methods of diagnosis and treatment. Illustrative cases will be shown.

KENT BRANCH: ISLE OF THANET DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Isle of Thanet Division will be held at the Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Canterbury, on Thursday, June 4th, at 3.15 p.m.; Dr. H. M. Raven will be in the chair. Agenda: Election of officers, representatives, and Executive Committee; discussion on Annual Report of Council (*Supplement*, May 2nd); Divisional accounts.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: HYDE DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the Hyde Division will be held at the Hyde Town Hall on Wednesday, June 3rd, at 4 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch will be held at the British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, on Friday, June 19th, at 4 p.m. Business: (1) Report of scrutineers as to election of officers; (2) Annual Report of Council; (3) report of representatives of the Branch on the Central Council; (4) Presidential address by Dr. F. W. Goodbody—"Some glimpses at medical matters in the eighteen-twenties."

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., on Tuesday June 2nd, at 9.30 p.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Hampstead Division will be held at the Hampstead General Hospital on Thursday, June 11th, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: Annual report of Executive; election of officers and Executive for 1931–32; proposal to adopt resolutions as to (*a*) salaries of whole-time public health medical officers, (*b*) domiciliary attendance by whole-time medical officers; Dr. Lindsey Batten will open a discussion on the Problem of the Out-patient (*Supplement*, February 21st).

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the South-West Essex Division will be held at the Wesleyan Schoolrooms, High Road, Leyton, on Tuesday, June 2nd, at 3.30 p.m. Agenda: Correspondence; election of officers for 1931–32; address by Mr. Ralph Coyte, The enlarged prostate and its treatment.

OXFORD AND READING BRANCH: WINDSOR DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Windsor Division will be held at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, to-day (Friday, May 29th), at 3 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers and representatives; annual report of Division; consider Annual Report of Council and instruct representatives.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.—The fifty-ninth annual meeting of the Southern Branch will be held at the South-Western Hotel, Southampton, on Thursday, June 11th. Programme: 12 noon, visit to Ordnance Office; 1.30 p.m., president-elect entertains members of the Council to lunch; 2.45 p.m., business meeting. Agenda: Honorary secretary's annual report, containing resolutions of Branch Council for confirmation; election of officers; address by the new president. Whilst members are at the meeting, wives and friends will be able to visit a large liner in Southampton Docks. 4.15 p.m., new president at home at White Lodge, Bassett Avenue, Southampton.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.—The ninety-second annual meeting of the South-Western Branch will be held at Deller's Café, Paignton, on Wednesday, June 17th, at 3 p.m., when Mr. D. O. Twining will resign the chair to Dr. A. E. Carver, who will deliver his inaugural address, entitled "From one generation to another." The report of the Branch Council for 1930–31, and the financial statement for 1930, will be presented, and the officers for 1931–32 will be elected. Luncheon, by kind invitation of the president-elect, will take place from 1 p.m. at Deller's Café, Paignton. After the meeting tea will be provided by the Torquay Division. Visits can be made to the Torbay Hospital or to the Torbay medical baths. The annual dinner of the Branch, to which ladies and non-medical guests may be invited, will be held at 7.30 p.m. at the Grand Hotel, Torquay. Tickets (7s. 6d. each, exclusive of wines) may be obtained from Dr. W. Cameron Davidson (Avonleigh, Acadia Road, Torquay). Rooms for changing will be available at the hotel. Cars may be parked at Messrs. Soul and Sanders's garage, opposite the café.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, June 4th, at 4 p.m. Agenda: Election of officers and committees; report of the Executive Committee; nominate representative on the committee of the West Surrey Hospital League; Annual Report of Council; instructions to representatives; proposal to adopt a resolution under the Ethical Rules; proposed extension of the West Surrey and Aldershot Contributory System to include persons whose incomes are higher than those at present contributing.

TABLE OF DATES

June 4, Thurs.	**Names of Representatives and Deputy Representatives must be received at Head Office by this date.**
June 6, Sat.	**Publication in *Supplement* of result of election of members of Council by grouped Branches.**
	Nomination papers available (on application at Head Office) for election of 12 members of Council by grouped Representatives (British Isles).
June 18, Thurs.	**Meetings of constituencies must be held between this date and July 17th, to instruct Representatives.**
June 27, Sat.	**Publication in *Supplement* of Supplementary Report of Council.**
July 1, Wed.	**Amendments and riders for inclusion in A.R.M. agenda must be received at Head Office by this date.**

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

EDINBURGH BRANCH: EDINBURGH AND LEITH DIVISION

A meeting of the Edinburgh and Leith Division was held on March 31st, when Dr. J. M. BOWIE, chairman of the Division, presided.

The HONORARY SECRETARY submitted a report of the Division for 1930, which showed that the membership numbered 513, as against 519 at the beginning of the year. Two receptions for the graduands in medicine at the University had been held during the year, and three general meetings of the Division and seven meetings of the Executive Committee had taken place in the period. The report was approved.

The report of the representative on the proceedings of the Representative Meeting in London in July, 1930, was presented, and Dr. KERR and Mr. LEES spoke in elaboration of certain points. The report was approved, with a vote of thanks to the representatives.

The meeting approved and acted upon a recommendation that the representatives in the Representative Body should be elected earlier in the year. The appointment of deputy representatives was left over until the annual meeting of the Division on May 5th.

The Report of Council on the problem of the out-patient was discussed and generally approved.

The SECRETARY reported that the Branch had recently convened a meeting for the purpose of hearing an address by Sir Robert Bolam on the Hospital Policy of the Association. The meeting had been well attended, and the address was highly appreciated.

GIBRALTAR BRANCH

A clinical meeting of the Gibraltar Branch was held at the Colonial Hospital on March 31st, when Major D. McVICKER, R.A.M.C., was in the chair, and eleven members were present. A large number of the medical officers of the Mediterranean Fleet at that time stationed at Gibraltar also attended the meeting as guests. After partaking of tea the members and guests proceeded to the wards, where a clinical demonstration was held.

Dr. JAMES LOCKHEAD exhibited a large encysted vesical calculus which clinically had simulated a prostatic growth. Dr. JAMES DEALE demonstrated a collection of bone cases, all of great interest. Of particular interest among these were four cases of osteomyelitis, in one of which both tibiae, the radius, and ulna had been consecutively affected, and a patient suffering from dystrophia adiposo-genitalis, with liability to recurrent fractures. He also showed a case of recurrent dislocation of the shoulder-joint successfully treated by reinforcing the joint capsule with a sling cut out of the patient's own fascia lata. Dr. GRIFFITHS exhibited a number of cases, including a collection of radiographs of a stillborn achondroplasic male infant.

This successful meeting was terminated with a unanimous vote of thanks accorded to Drs. Lockhead, Deale, and Griffiths for their very interesting demonstrations.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WANDSWORTH DIVISION

A meeting of the Wandsworth Division was held at the Wandsworth Town Hall on March 30th. Dr. GRAY opened a discussion on the problem of the out-patient by drawing attention to the recent and considerable increase in the number of hospital out-patients. He thought that the remedy lay with the consultant staffs of the hospitals. He proposed that every member of the consultant staffs of St. Thomas's Hospital, the Victoria Hospital for Children, and the South London Hospital for Women should be written to. An amendment to this, however, was carried, approving the summary of conclusions and recommendations on page 55 of the *Supplement* of February 21st, with special stress on Clause 6, and suggesting immediate action by the British Medical Association. It was then resolved to ask the Executive Committee of the Division to give further consideration to Dr. Gray's original suggestion.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: BLYTH DIVISION

The annual dinner of the Blyth Division was held on April 16th, when Dr. A. URQUHART was in the chair; Sir Robert Bolam was the guest of honour.

Dr. HUDSON proposed the toast of "Our Association," and Sir ROBERT BOLAM, in replying, indicated his view of the trend of medical politics. The toast of "Our Guests" was proposed by Dr. T. CRAIG, to which several replied with interesting stories.

Dr. MACAULEY, having been introduced by Dr. URQUHART as chairman for the coming year, thanked the members for the honour conferred upon him, and declared the following officers elected for the coming year:

Chairman, Dr. Macauley. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Gordon. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. Lowry. *Representative in Representative Body* (for Blyth and Morpeth Division), Dr. Lowry.

Altogether a very pleasant evening was spent. The musical part of the proceedings was provided by Dr. C. Fairlie, Dr. J. Brown, and Mr. J. W. Clarke.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: CARDIFF DIVISION

A clinical meeting of the Cardiff Division was held on March 26th in Cardiff Royal Infirmary, when Dr. G. I. STRACHAN was in the chair, and over forty members were present.

Professor A. W. SHEEN, discussing a case of myelomatosis, said that the disease was a pathological and clinical entity, and was rare. Males between 40 and 60 were those most frequently affected. The growths most commonly were first noticed in the sternum or the ribs; soon there was evidence of growths in long bones or spine; spontaneous fractures might occur. Bence-Jones's proteose was present in the urine in about half the cases, hence the name "myelopathic albumosuria." The spleen and lymph glands might be enlarged, with anaemia in the later stages. The disease was not to be confounded with ordinary sarcoma or with the single giant-celled sarcoma of bone, responsive to conservative treatment, for which the name "myeloma" was now often given. It was slowly progressive, and the prognosis bad; radium might bring about temporary shrinkage of the growths. Professor Sheen added that the patient's right testis was converted into a spherical shrunken hard mass, tender during the last few days; he could not connect this with the rest of the clinical picture.

After showing two cases of splenectomy for thrombocytopenic purpura haemorrhagica, Professor Sheen stressed the value of splenectomy in the disease, and quoted Mayo as saying that "in this dyscrasia the effects of splenectomy are almost miraculous." He considered that the disease should be borne in mind in all haemorrhages from mucous tracts—stomach, uterus, etc.—particularly in young people and when accompanied by other evidences of purpura. The platelet count should always be made in such cases.

Mr. LAMBERT ROGERS showed two patients upon whom he had recently operated with success for trigeminal neuralgia, performing selective retro-Gasserian neurotomy by the temporal route. Lantern slides were shown illustrating the steps of the operation and the surgical anatomy of the Gasserian ganglion and its sensory route.

Dr. OWEN L. RHYS, Mr. D. J. HARRIES, Mr. N. L. M. READER, and Dr. JAMES BEATTY also showed patients.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: TORQUAY DIVISION

A joint special meeting of the Torquay Division with the Torquay and District Medical Society was held on March 25th, when Dr. MCCALLUM, chairman of the Division, presided. There was a large attendance of members, together with a few non-members. In introducing Dr. Ernest Ward to the meeting the chairman referred to the great amount of valuable work he had done for the profession, both in his Division and in the local medical society.

Dr. WARD delivered an address entitled "Recent knowledge of tuberculosis—the transatlantic visit," which was illustrated by a series of photographs, etc., shown by the epidiascope. Dr. Ward's description of his tour with a party of tuberculosis experts through the chief cities of the United States and Canada, in 1930, was one of the most interesting and entertaining papers ever read before the Division. The subjects touched upon were too numerous to mention individually, but among those which seemed to interest the audience most were the party's experiences of American hustle, the difficulties and dangers attendant upon travel by motor in the United States, the effects of prohibition on various sections of the population, public health administration in Chicago under "gangster" rule, "yes-men" in the medical profession, a unique series of ghost photographs obtained at séances by a Canadian doctor, showing some striking examples of "ectoplasm," and a very fine series of radiograms of unusual chest conditions. On the motion of Dr. W. W. STABB, seconded by Dr. HAYDON, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Ward.

The annual meeting of the Division was held on May 6th. The chair was taken first by the retiring chairman, Dr. P. A. MCCALLUM, and later by Dr. COLLIS HALLOWES. The chairman announced the receipt of Dr. Distin's resignation (on account of ill-health) from the post of charities secretary, and expressed the regret of the Division at the loss of such an active and experienced worker.

The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year:

Chairman, Dr. K. R. Collis Hallowes. *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. E. M. Molesworth. *Honorary Auditor*, Dr. P. A. McCallum. *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. W. C. Davidson. *Representative in Representative Body*, Dr. Ernest Ward. *Deputy Representatives in Representative Body*, Dr. W. C. Davidson, Dr. P. A. McCallum.

The Annual Report of the Central Council was considered, and the representative duly instructed. Further consideration of the report was postponed until the next general meeting.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION

A meeting of the West Suffolk Division was held at the West Suffolk General Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, on March 24th, when Dr. F. R. BARWELL was in the chair. On the suggestion of the chairman a letter was directed to be written to Mrs. Bygott expressing the sympathy of the members on the death of her husband.

The question of the adoption of resolutions under ethical rules in regard to the revised salaries for medical officers of health having been discussed, the following motion, proposed by Dr. DOBBIN and seconded by Dr. HARDWICKE, was adopted:

> That, in the opinion of the West Suffolk Division, no medical practitioner should, after the date of adoption of this resolution, apply for or accept any whole-time public health appointment within the area of the Division the salary of which does not conform to the agreed Memorandum of Recommendations in regard to salaries of whole-time public health medical officers, as approved and adopted by the Annual Representative Meeting, 1929.

With regard to the question of domiciliary attendance, Dr. STIFF proposed and Dr. ALEXANDER seconded the following motion, which was carried:

> (i) That the Division expresses the opinion that domiciliary attendance should, in the best interests of the patients, be provided by private practitioners, and not by a whole-time medical officer; (ii) the adoption of this expression of opinion leaves unprejudiced the position of any medical officers at present holding whole-time appointments in which domiciliary attendance is one of the duties; and (iii) that no medical practitioner should, after the date of adoption of this resolution, apply for or accept any whole-time public health appointment within the area of the Division which involves domiciliary attendance.

It was subsequently decided to rescind the resolution adopted by the Division in January, 1926, regarding minimum commencing salaries.

The Report of Council on the problem of the out-patient was considered. It was pointed out that there was very little abuse of the out-patient department of the West Suffolk General Hospital, as the number of patients without a recommendation letter from their medical attendant was now very small indeed. The meeting directed that the representative at the Annual Representative Meeting should support the conclusions and recommendations of the Council in regard to out-patient departments.

With reference to the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board, the SECRETARY reported that an attempt was being

made to establish a branch in the area, but that so far it had not been possible to make arrangements with a suitable optician.

In connexion with the hospital contributory scheme, the secretary stated that he had raised with the hospital committee the question of difficulties that might arise owing to the absence of an income limit. He had pointed out to the committee that whatever happened the doctors, either on the hospital staff or in general practice, could not be expected to act as almoners. The action of the secretary was approved.

Correspondence

VACCINATION FEES

SIR,—I can imagine that some of your readers will be sceptical as to the truth of the following.

Under the new regime the county council here has, of course, taken over the duties of the parish council, and lately issued the usual list of so-called vaccination defaulters to its parish medical officers, who act as public vaccinators. Under the cumbrous title of Chief Public Assistance Officer, the medical officer of health states that he will only pay for vaccinations actually performed.

To take an extreme case: the vaccinator might find he had to postpone some vaccinations for health reasons, he might find some already done, and that the remainder of the people to be vaccinated had left the district. He would be, therefore, in the position of getting nothing for his trouble. In these days of small lists the money value is not such an important factor, but the absurdity remains.

In the case under consideration the vaccinator had a modest list of seven; five were vaccinated (ten visits), one was postponed, and one had left the district; making twelve visits in all, for which he is to be paid 12s. 6d., or 1s. 0½d. per visit. These were landward—that is, county—visits. If they had been in the town the sum paid would have been 7s. 6d., or 7½d. per visit.

It is to be noted that these fees are fixed by law, but the parish council took a wider view, in that they at least paid for work done, and could do so, to some extent, under the Vaccination Acts. The medical officer of health says he is now strictly limited by statute—that is, he must perforce perpetrate a glaring injustice. If this is so, and if there were later amending regulations to this effect, what was the British Medical Association doing to allow of such conditions being imposed on the profession?—I am, etc.,

Annan, May 16th. W. ELDER.

National Insurance

WARWICKSHIRE PANEL AND LOCAL MEDICAL COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Warwickshire Panel and Local Medical Committee, held at Coventry on May 7th, under the chairmanship of Dr. HERBERT MALINS, further discussion took place on the need for extended post-graduate facilities, and the following resolution was passed:

> That in this committee's opinion many urban as well as rural practitioners experience the same difficulties in arranging freedom and facilities for pursuing post-graduate study as do practitioners from the existing restricted categories, whilst the need for the encouragement of post-graduate study is increasingly obvious; and that further representations be made to the Insurance Acts Committee as to the need of broadening the present scheme.

It was reported by Rugby representatives that the stringent criterion of the Ministry of Health, whereunder a practitioner must show attendance on 1,500 venereal cases before being eligible to participate in the administration of the county council's venereal clinic, was operating to exclude local applicants otherwise qualified. The chairman was asked to take up the matter with the Venereal Advisory Committee of the county council.

The committee decided to represent to the Insurance Acts Committee that ventriculin used in the treatment of pernicious anaemia should be added to the Schedule of the Distribution Scheme, enabling a dispensing doctor to obtain this at the cost of the Drug Fund.

It was agreed to urge upon every insurance practitioner the desirability of co-operating with the National Ophthalmic Treatment Board's service, and to call attention in the annual report to details of the service.

THE DENTAL BOARD

The session of the Dental Board which opened on Tuesday, May 12th was presided over by Sir HOLBURT WARING, in the absence of the chairman of the Board, Sir Francis Dyke Acland, through illness.

In his address from the chair, which was read, Sir Francis mentioned that he had lately visited Glasgow, where "I could not have believed that such enormities in the way of announcements were possible as those which I saw. The announcements in very many cases were much larger than most tradesmen in most towns would consider self-respecting." Unless the Board succeeded in removing them altogether it must give up any pretence of control of dentists' announcements. He went on to say that the question had arisen in connexion with various trade and professional guilds as to whether it was proper for dentists to give commission or discount in treating any particular class of persons. It would be well if the dentist to whom it was suggested that he should allow a discount were to ask himself, "Can I prove that this discount is simply a discount for cash and fairly represents my saving of trouble and expense in collecting my accounts?" If he could not prove that, it would be well for him to have nothing to do with it. There were only two classes of discount: discount for cash, and discount for the introduction of patients. The latter was clearly wrong. He added that the Discipline Committee had had before it a case in which a public authority had divided local dentists into two categories, and another in which an authority had made certain selections from the local list. The committee was keeping in touch with these cases; he, for his part, regretted to see anything which represented the dental profession as consisting of two parts. Dealing with educational matters, he said that the number of the Board's bursaries had been maintained, but the amount of grant to individual students had been rather drastically reduced in order that additional teaching grants might be given to the schools. Grants for extension and equipment have been made by the Board to fourteen dental schools, and the total amount so voted now amounts to £46,000.

The Board proceeded to consider four charges against dentists of extravagance in announcements. Three of the practitioners were from Glasgow and the other from Falkirk. After deliberation, the Board found the facts proved to its satisfaction, but did not proceed to recommend erasure. In a similar case against a Plaistow dentist the finding was postponed for six months, with the intention that the dentist should act in accordance with a promise he had given.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Commanders J. F. Pace to the *Victory*, for R.N. Hospital, Haslar; L. A. Moncrieff to the *President*, for R.N. and R.M. Recruiting Office, Whitehall, temporarily.

Surgeon Lieutenant M. Barton to be Surgeon Lieutenant Commander, with seniority August 22nd, 1929 (in substitution of previous notification).

The seniority of Surgeon Lieutenant T. W. Froggart has been antedated to August 17th, 1927.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Sublieutenant A. J. W. Beard to be Surgeon Lieutenant.

Probationary Surgeon Sublieutenants G. H. C. R. Critien to the *Royal Oak*; G. F. Jones transferred to London Division, List 2.

Messrs. P. E. F. Routley and T. D. R. Aubrey have entered as probationary Surgeon Sublieutenants, and attached to the London and Severn Divisions respectively.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

The following Captains to be Majors (substituted for the notifications in the *London Gazette* of the dates indicated in parentheses): J. W. Hyatt, January 1st, 1929 (January 15th, 1929); J. R. S. Mackay, January 20th, 1929 (January 22nd, 1929); P. A. Stewart, July 5th, 1929 (July 9th, 1929); E. P. N. Creagh, December 6th, 1929 (December 10th, 1929); C. V. Macnamara, June 27th, 1930 (June 27th, 1930); F. K. Escritt, August 8th, 1930 (August 12th, 1930); C. A. Whitfield, September 5th, 1930 (September 19th, 1930).

Lieutenants to be Captains: J. J. O'Dwyer, S. R. M. Mackay.

Lieutenant (on probation) T. M. Corcoran is confirmed in his rank.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Col. W. J. Waters, O.B.E., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, ceases to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Captain J. M. Smeaton to be Major.

To be Lieutenants: Captain E. J. B. Sewell, from R.A.V.C., T.A. (seniority January 13th, 1930); D. B. Purves (late Cadet Officer, Edinburgh University Contingent, Senior Division, O.T.C.).

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE

Lieut.-Col. W. R. J. Scroggie, C.I.E., to be Colonel.

Lieut.-Col. A. N. Dickson, M.C., has been posted as Residency Surgeon and Chief Medical Officer in Baluchistan.

Lieut.-Col. R. F. D. MacGregor, M.C., has been posted as Chief Medical Officer in Central India and Residency Surgeon, Indore.

Lieut.-Col. M. A. Nicholson has been posted as Civil Surgeon, Ajmer, and Chief Medical Officer, Rajputana.

Lieut.-Col. H. H. Thorburn, C.I.E., has been appointed as surgeon on H.E. the Viceroy and Governor-General's personal staff.

Lieut.-Col. F. E. Wilson has been appointed as permanent Inspector-General of Civil Hospitals, Central Provinces.

The services of Lieut.-Col. R. E. Flowerdew have been placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal for employment as Inspector-General of Prisons, Bengal.

The services of Lieut.-Col. R. N. Chopra have been placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal.

Lieut. Cols. W. F. Brayne, F. C. Rogers, H. B. Steen, and W. O. Walker have retired from the Service.

Major L. K. Ledger has been appointed to officiate as Political Agent in Bundelkhand, in addition to his own duties.

Major R. Hay has been posted as Residency Surgeon in Kashmir.

The promotion of Major A. I. Cox to the rank of Major has been ante-dated to July 14th, 1930.

The services of Major M. Das have been placed at the disposal of the Government of Bengal for employment in the Bengal Jail Department.

The services of Major P. H. S. Smith, M.B., have been placed temporarily at the disposal of the Government of Bombay.

The services of Major A. C. L. O'Shee Bilderbeck have been placed permanently at the disposal of the Government of Bombay.

Captains to be Majors: M. K. Kalavkar, H. M. Strickland.

Lieutenant H. S. Waters to be Captain (prov.).

COLONIAL MEDICAL SERVICES

The title of G. G. Butler, M.B.E., Director of Medical Research Institute, Gold Coast, has been changed to Deputy Director of Laboratory Service.

Dr. W. M. Howells, Senior Health Officer, Gold Coast, has been seconded to the League of Nations Commission of Inquiry in Liberia.

The following appointments are announced: C. P. Campion, West African Medical Staff, to Nigeria; W. B. R. Jones, District Medical Officer, Leeward Islands; E. A. Cormack, Medical Officer, Nigeria; D. O. Peters, Medical Officer, Nigeria; T. H. Dalrymple, Medical Officer, West African Medical Service (Sierra Leone); A. C. Edwards, Supernumerary Medical Officer, Leeward Islands; C. Sturtan, West African Medical Staff (Nigeria); J. F. Macdonald, Medical Officer, Northern Rhodesia.

VACANCIES

ACCRINGTON: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—(1) Anaesthetist. (2) H.S.

BELFAST: CAMPBELL COLLEGE.—R.M.O.

BIRMINGHAM: EAR AND THROAT HOSPITAL.—H.S. (non-resident).

BIRMINGHAM PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.—A.M.O. in the Tuberculosis Section.

BLACKBURN: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Fourth H.S. (male).

BLACKPOOL: VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—Senior and Junior H.S.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—C.H.S. (male).

BURY COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant M.O.H., etc.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—H.S.

CARDIFF CITY.—Medical Superintendent at Llandough Hospital.

CARLISLE CITY.—Assistant M.O.H. (male).

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Assistants in Out-patient Department.

CHESTERFIELD AND NORTH DERBYSHIRE ROYAL HOSPITAL.—C.O. (male).

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.2.—H.P. (male).

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—R.H.S. (male).

DERBYSHIRE HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—(1) R.H.S. (2) R.H.P. Ladies.

DERBYSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Ophthalmic H.S.

DONCASTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male).

DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL AND CHESTER-LE-STREET URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.—(1) District Tuberculosis M.O. and M.O.H. (male). (2) District Tuberculosis M.O.

ESSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County M.O.H. (male).

EXETER: ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior H.S. (2) H.S. (3) H.S. to Special Departments.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE ROYAL INFIRMARY AND EYE INSTITUTION.—H.S. (male).

GREENOCK ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (lady).

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1—(1) H.S. (2) H.P. Males, unmarried.

KIDDERMINSTER AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S.

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LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.—Resident Medical Superintendent at Hammersmith Hospital.

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QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR THE EAST END, E.15.—(1) Hon. Assistant Obstetric S. and Gynaecologist. (2) Hon. Neurologist. (3) R.M.O. (4) Two H.S. (5) H.P. (6) Obstetric H.S. (7) H.P. and Resident Anaesthetist. (8) C.O.

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SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Dental S. at Albert Dock Hospital.

SHEFFIELD: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—(1) H.P. (2) Third R.M.O. Females, unmarried.

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SOUTHWARK BOROUGH.—M.O.H. (male).

STOURBRIDGE: CORBETT HOSPITAL.—R.H.S.

SUNDERLAND: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male).

WALSALL COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Clinical Tuberculosis Officer, Assistant M.O.H., and Assistant S.M.O. (male).

WALSALL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—H.S.

WALSALL AND WEST BROMWICH JOINT COMMITTEE.—A.R.M.O. for Institutions at Great Barr Park.

WEST BROMWICH COUNTY BOROUGH.—R.H.S. at Hallam Hospital (male, unmarried).

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith, W.6.—(1) H.P. (2) H.S. (3) Aural and Ophthalmic H.S.

WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL ANNEXE, Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead.—M.O. (non-resident).

WEST NORFOLK AND KING'S LYNN GENERAL HOSPITAL.—J.H.S.

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WOLVERHAMPTON: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—H.S. (unmarried).

YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.—(1) H.S. (2) Resident Anaesthetist and Assistant H.S.

YORK: THE RETREAT.—Senior A.M.O. (male).

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEON.—The appointment at Grosmont (Yorks, N. Riding) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

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APPOINTMENTS

KIDMAN, G. E., M.B., B.S.Lond., Honorary Assistant Physician to the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary.

WALKER, G. F., M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond., Consulting Physician to the Sunderland Municipal Hospital.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—D. Brims, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., for the New Galloway District, Kirkcudbright; A. R. Murray, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., for the Poulton-le-Fylde District, Lancaster.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS OF LONDON, Pall Mall East, S.W.1.—Thurs., 5 p.m., First Croonian Lecture, by Professor Matthew J. Stewart: Precancerous Lesions of the Alimentary Tract.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

Section of Laryngology.—Fri., 9.30 a.m., Papers and Demonstrations. Drs. A. Brown Kelly and Leonard Findlay: Congenital Shortening of the Oesophagus, and the Thoracic Stomach Resulting Therefrom. Dr. H. Graham Hodgson: The Radiography of Sinusitis (with film). Professor Georges Portmann (Bordeaux): Treatment of Cicatricial Stenosis of the Oesophagus by Auto-dilatation. Sir StClair Thomson: A Permanent Tracheostomy in Stenosis of the Larynx. 5 p.m., Clinical Meeting. Cases at 4 p.m. Demonstration of Broncho-oesophagoscope by Mr. O. Popper. Cases and Specimens. 8 p.m., Annual Dinner at Langham Hotel, W.1.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.—Lectures by Dr. Harley Williams: At V.A.D. Camp, Osborne, Mon., 3 p.m., Tues., 8.45 p.m.; at Village Hall, St. Lawrence, Thurs., 8 p.m.

WEST LONDON MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, Kensington Town Hall.—Fri., 7.45 p.m., Reception. 8.15 p.m., Cavendish Lecture by Professor Julian Huxley: Development in Relation to Heredity and Evolution.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—Thurs., 4 p.m., Ingleby Lecture by Professor W. Blair Bell: Maternal Disablement.

MANCHESTER MEDICAL SOCIETY.—At Royal Infirmary. Wed., 4.30 p.m., Clinical Meeting.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Fri., 4 p.m., Mr. Lowndes Yates, Early Carcinoma of the Throat and Nose.

CITY OF LONDON MATERNITY HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.1.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Mr. W. McKim McCullagh, Causes of Maternal Mortality.

LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE, Keppel Street, W.C.1.—Mon., 5 p.m., Dr. F. C. Shrubsall, Mental Deficiency from the Social, Legal, and Educational Aspects. Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m., Dr. C. J. Thomas, Physically Defective Children.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon. to Fri., 2 p.m., Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 12 noon, Dr. Greenfield, The Cerebrospinal fluid. 3.30 p.m., Dr. Hinds Howell, Sciatic Neuritis. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Walshe, Cerebral Tumours. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Carmichael, Palsies associated with Pregnancy and Parturition.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics, Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat Clinics, Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics, Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, and Children's Clinics, Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics, Operations.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Tues., 3.15 p.m., Drs. P. O. Ellison and Janet Vaughan, Demonstration in the Pathological Department.

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FOR GENITO-URINARY DISEASES, Endell Street, W.C.—Wed., 4.30 p.m., Mr. W. K. Irwin, Diagnosis and Treatment of some Important Bladder Conditions.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.6.—Mon., 10 a.m., Gynaecological Ward Visit, Genito-Urinary Operations, Skin Department; 11 a.m., Surgical Ward Visit; 2 p.m., Surgical Ward Visit, Medical, Surgical, Eye, Gynaecological Out-patients. Tues., 9.30 a.m., Operations; 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visit, Dental Department; 11 a.m., Throat Operations; 11.30 a.m., Surgical Clinical Demonstration; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat Out-patients, Operations, Medical Ward Visit. Wed., 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visit, Children's Medical Out-patients; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Eye Out-patients, Gynaecological Operations; 4.45 p.m., Venereal Diseases. Thurs., 10 a.m., Neurological Department; 11.30 a.m., Treatment of Fractures; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Eye Out-patients, Genito-Urinary Department, Operations. Friday, 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visit, Skin and Dental Departments; 12 noon, Medical Lecture; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat Out-patients, Operations. Sat., 9 a.m., Throat Operations; 10 a.m., Medical Ward Visits, Surgical and Children's Medical Out-patients.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY CLINICAL BOARD.—At General Hospital: Tues., 3.30 p.m., Mr. H. H. Sampson, Clinical Surgical Cases. At Queen's Hospital: Fri., 3.30 p.m., Professor Billington, Demonstration of Surgical Cases.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY CLINICAL SCHOOL ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—Royal Infirmary: Mon. and Thurs., 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 11.30 a.m.

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JUNE

2 Tues. London: Mental Deficiency Committee, 2.30 p.m.
City Division: Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., 9.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting.
South-West Essex Division: Wesleyan Schoolrooms, High Road, Leyton, 3.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting. Lecture by Mr. Coyte.

3 Wed. London: Welsh Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Barnet Division: Cottage Hospital, Barnet, 4 p.m. Annual Meeting.
Hyde Division: Hyde Town Hall, 4 p.m.: Annual General Meeting.

4 Thurs. East Hertfordshire Division: County Hospital, Hertford, 8 p.m. Address by Dr. A. P. Ford.
Guildford Division: Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 4 p.m. Annual Meeting.
Isle of Thanet Division: Kent and Canterbury Hospital, 3.15 p.m. Annual Meeting.

5 Fri. English Division: Globe Hotel, Cockermouth, 3.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting.

9 Tues. London: Conference between B.M.A. and Society of M.O.H., 2 p.m.

10 Wed. London: **Council,** 10 a.m.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

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BIRTHS

BIGGAM.—On May 5th, at the Anglo-American Hospital, Cairo, to the wife of Major A. G. Biggam, R.A.M.C., a son.

KNOTT.—To Stella, née Vandrille, the wife of Dr. James A. Knott, at "Westbury," Warwick, on the 22nd inst., a daughter.

WILSON.—On May 21st, at the Red House Nursing Home, Lincoln, to Dr. and Mrs. C. Haddon Wilson of Willingham-by-Stow, a son.

WILSON.—On May 25th, 1931, at 7, Broad Street, Pershore, to Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson, a son.

MARRIAGE

STIRLING—JACKMAN.—On May 18th, 1931, at Martin Hussingtree, Worcestershire, Dr. T. Stewart Stirling, Chief Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Somerset, to Joy Eva, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackman, Worcester.

DEATHS

BLAKESLEY.—On the 16th instant, suddenly, Henry John Blakesley, F.R.C.S.Eng., of 16, Severn Street, Leicester, in the 73rd year of his age.

COWPER.—On May 21st, at St. Michael's Hospital, Hayle, Cornwall, William Harris Meadows Cowper (Middlesex Hospital Medical School), M.R.C.S.Eng., L.R.C.P.Lond., aged 31 years, formerly Junior Medical Officer at the Royal Institution, Colchester, and subsequently of Spencer Road, Wandsworth.

CROWLY.—On May 19th, 1931, at 50, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, Daniel Crowly, M.D., late of Loughrea, co. Galway, deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family.

ROBERTSON.—At St. Thomas's Hospital, London, on May 14th, of pneumonia, John Carr Robertson, B.Sc., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Captain R.A.M.C., Medical Officer of Health for Wednesbury, Staffs.

SLOAN.—At St. Thomas's Hospital, London, on May 20th, John Finlayson McGill Sloan, *M.C.*, M.B., Ch.B., aged 41, of 3, Alloway Place, Ayr.

TAYLOR.—On May 20th, 1931, at 21, Wembley Park Drive, Seymour Taylor, M.D., F.R.C.P., late of Seymour Street, W.1, and St. Thomas's Hospital, in his 86th year.

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